

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ROANOKE DIVISION

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AT DANVILLE, VA  
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JOVON JEWELL DAVIS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

SWRJ, et al.,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 7:15-cv-00323

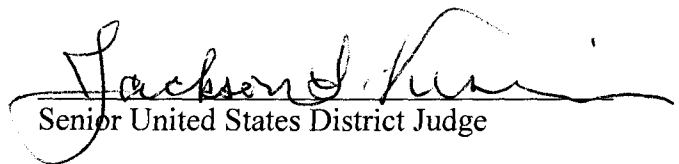
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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

By: **Hon. Jackson L. Kiser**  
**Senior United States District Judge**

Jovon Jewell Davis, a Virginia inmate proceeding pro se, filed a complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, naming the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail ("SWRJ") and Abingdon Regional Jail as defendants. I dismiss the complaint without prejudice as frivolous because Plaintiff pursues an indisputably meritless legal theory by naming jails as defendants. See, e.g., Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 327 (1989); Preval v. Reno, 57 F. Supp. 2d 307, 310 (E.D. Va. 1999) ("[T]he Piedmont Regional Jail is not a 'person,' and therefore not amenable to suit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983."), aff'd in part and rev'd in part, 203 F.3d 821 (4th Cir. 2000), reported in full-text format at 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 465, at \*3, 2000 WL 20591, at \*1 ("The court also properly determined that the Piedmont Regional Jail is not a 'person' and is therefore not amenable to suit under § 1983[.]").

ENTER: This 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

  
Senior United States District Judge